

| TRANSMITTAL LETTER   |                                 |          | Case No. 11461/4 |
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| Serial No.<br>10/693,119   | Filing Date<br>October 24, 2003 | Examiner | Group Art Unit   |
| Inventor(s)<br>Michael Martin  |                                 |          |                  |
| Title of Invention<br>APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING MAGNETS IN OPPOSING RELATIONSHIP, AND SUPPORT SURFACE THAT UTILIZES SAME |                                 |          |                  |

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Information Disclosure Statement (in dupl.); PTO Form 1449.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

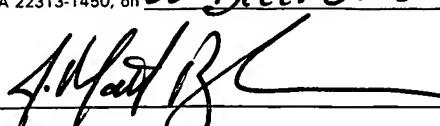
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Michael Martin

Serial No.: 10/693,119

Filing Date: October 24, 2003

For: APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING  
MAGNETS IN OPPOSING  
RELATIONSHIP, AND SUPPORT  
SURFACE THAT UTILIZES SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

| No.       | Date       | Name           |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| 4,585,282 | 4/29/1986  | Bosley         |
| 6,261,515 | 7/17/2001  | Ren, et al.    |
| 6,302,939 | 10/16/2001 | Rabin, et al.  |
| 6,319,334 | 11/20/2001 | Ohashi, et al. |

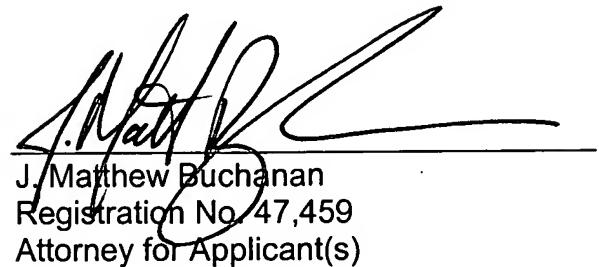
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 10/161,263, filed June 3, 2002 and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior application Serial No. 10/161,263 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

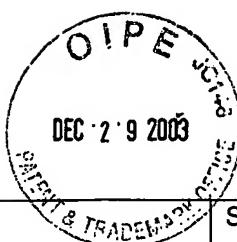
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in  
the present case.

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| LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR<br>APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE<br>STATEMENT<br>(use several sheets if necessary) |  | FILING DATE<br>October 24, 2003 | GROUP ART UNIT<br>Unknown |
|  |  | APPLICANT(S): Michael Martin    |                           |

**REFERENCE DESIGNATION**
**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

| EXAMINER INITIAL | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE       | NAME           | CLASS/ SUBCLASS | FILING DATE |
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| A1               | 4,585,282       | 4/29/1986  | Bosley         |                 |             |
| A2               | 6,261,515       | 7/17/2001  | Ren, et al.    |                 |             |
| A3               | 6,302,939       | 10/16/2001 | Rabin, et al.  |                 |             |
| A4               | 6,319,334       | 11/20/2001 | Ohashi, et al. |                 |             |
| A5               |                 |            |                |                 |             |
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